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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ABU DHABI, BAGHDAD, BERN, BONN, BRASILIA,
CARACAS, JIDDA, KUWAIT, LONDON, MUSCAT, SINGAPORE, THERAN,
TRIPOLI, PARIS FROM SECSTATE APR 11.

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES (C- ER-3-57220)

1. WE HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANALYZ-
ING RECENT LARGE DOLLAR CONVERSIONS IN FOREIGN MARKETS.
TO FACILITATE THIS ANALYSIS WE REQUIRE INFORMATION ON THE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES OF THE COUNTRIES LISTED BELOW AS
WELL AS ON ANY RECENT RESERVE TRANSACTIONS. TREASURY
DEPARTMENT SOURCES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. THE MOST RECENT
DATA ON OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES ARE GIVEN FOR
EACH COUNTRY, SOURCE OF WHICH IS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
STATISTICS, IMF, APRIL 1973.

COUNTRY TOTAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE AS OF:
(MILLIONS OF US DOLLARS)

ABU DHABI NOT AVAILABLE

BAHRAIN NOT AVAILABLE

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BRAZIL	3579	30 NOV 72
DUBAI	NOT AVAILABLE	
IRAN	711	28 FEB 73
IRAQ	586	31 DEC 72
KUWAIT	266	28 FEB 73
LIBYA	2875	28 FEB 73
MALAYSIA	894	28 FEB 73
OMAN	NOT AVAILABLE	
QATAR	NOT AVAILABLE	
SAUDI ARABIA	2902	28 FEB 73
SINGAPORE	644	31 MAR 73
VENEZUELA	1007	28 FEB 73
YEMEN (PDR)	54	31 DEC 72

2. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD LEARN THE COMPOSITION OF RESERVE HOLDINGS NOW COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS AGO, INCLUDING BREAKDOWN OF NATIONAL CURRENCY HOLDINGS. ALSO ANY LARGE PRIVATE OR OFFICIAL COMPOSITIONS FROM ONE NATIONAL CURRENCY TO ANOTHER IN LAST SIX MONTHS TO EXTENT KNOWN.

3. REALIZE THIS INFO MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BUT TO EXTENT DATA READILY AVAILABLE SHOULD BE REPORTED ASAP. IN REPLY PLEASE CITE C- ER-3-57220.

FOR BONN, BERN, PARIS, LONDON

POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON RECENT CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS OF COUNTRIES LISTED. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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